

Re: To extend or not to extend

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Thanks for the info. I have a and g capability on my router and it does 108mb if network card supports it. Laptop card only does 54mb so that's all I get, but router is capable. There would be no walls between the access point and router. I have to think about it more.
Thanks,
Phil

"Todd Bowra [MSFT]" <toddbow@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message <news:%23r2M5GiHHHA.3468@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

#3 is going to depend upon your home network – if you have wired Ethernet, you have plenty of bandwidth to spare. On the other hand, if you have 802.11b, it's guaranteed not to work well – 802.11b maxes out around 5 Mbps of throughput while TV content is ~8–9 Mbps. This results in a situation similar to trying to park a semi truck in a compact parking spot (i.e. it doesn't all fit). In the middle, there are 802.11a and 802.11g, both of which can work fine depending upon how many signal degrading walls/obstructions there are between your access point and wireless router. I've run both G and A at home and had a great experience with HDTV playback, with A being slightly better.

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"phil-rge-ee" <philrgee@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message <news:E4915EB8-7202-4C21-AF06-4BAC7F6111C9@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Been reading in here and doing alot of google searches on using extenders with MCE. I need opinions on my situation.
I don't have an xbox and don't plan on getting one. I game on computer only.
I have an MCE laptop setup for gaming. I would only use MCE in the living room where the TV and stereo are. Only one person would be using it.

I'd like to use MCE for the following things:
1 – watch DVD's (store bought and home burned) Big for me as my home dvd

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is

a cheap one and barely plays home burned dvd's.

2 – watch video files (divx, xvid, avi, mpeg)

3 – listen to my whole collection of cd's thru my home stereo without ever

having to touch an actual cd again.

4 – view pictures on the TV

I have a DVR already and don't have a tuner card so the TV part I don't need.

I have read that extenders will not:

1 – play the dvd's from my laptop dvd player (unless I rip it to drive)

2 – it will only play certain video files (wmv, mpeg)

3 – has network congestion problems

4 – only extend MCE, not the whole windows desktop

Since #1 and #2 are out or very limited, #3 concerns me and #1, #2, #4 I can do with s video out to tv, does this make sense to spend \$300 on one

of

these units. The wireless is a plus for sure, but the limited times I'll

use

it for dvd's, videos, or pictures, I can go s video out to tv. Down side

of

this is that I have to put the laptop by the tv when doing dvd or video

or

have s video cable go across the room. Not a big deal for me right now.

For

sound I found a unit that logitech makes that uses a proprietary wireless signal to send sound to any home stereo. So that takes care of music.

So I'm thinking an extender is not for me, at least not until they get

more

sophisticated. What do you think?

Thanks.